were imported during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) if so, the names of the manufacturers, the country of origin and the unit price at which these pistols were imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

| (b) *Year* | *Manufacturers* | *Country of origin* | *Unit price (FOB)* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983-84 | M/s. Fabrique Nationale S.A. Division | Belgium | $ 351. |
| 1984-85 | (i) Do. | Do. | Do. |
| | (ii) M/s. Sturm Ruger | USA | $ 165 56 (revolver) |
| 1985-86 | M/s. Fabrique Nationale S.A. Division | Belgium | $ 351. |

**Upper Kolab Irrigation Project in Orissa**

2499. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in the completion of Upper Kolab Irrigation Project in Orissa; and

(b) by when this project is expected to be completed and the irrigation potential of this Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Due to constraint of resources, the project is targetted for completion in the Eighth Plan to irrigate an area of about 94,000 hectare annually.

**Water availability in the country**

2500. SHRI D B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Secretaries of irrigation and groundwater departments from all the States have recently reviewed the water availability situation in the country;

(b) if so, the outcome of the review;

(c) whether any strategy has been evolved for the rabi season in view of the drought situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (d) Secretaries of Irrigation and Ground Water Departments of drought-affected States met recently to review the actions taken by the State Governments on management of water resources in the context of current year's drought. It was noted that the States had drawn up plans for water budgeting, giving top priority to drinking water requirements followed by irrigation uses with due importance for raising fodder crops. Efforts have been stepped up for exploiting ground water The position of storage reservoirs was reported to have improved after August, 1987 and most of the States have plans to sustain Rabi irrigation at almost 1986 level by judicious management of available water.

**News-item captioned 'Life is cheap in Taran Taran'**

2501. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Life is cheap in Taran Taran' which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 23rd September 1987;